

In the Claims:

Kindly rewrite claim 1 as follows:

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(Twice Amended) A kit for bonding silicone compositions to a base surface made from polymers, polymers of methacrylates or fillers with said surface being part of a structure which includes an impression tray, dental crown, bridge, temporary crown or temporary bridge comprising:

- a) at least one partially resolvable (co-)polymer; and
- b) at least one adhesive for silicone.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. Claim 1 has been amended to recite specifically "a kit for bonding silicone compositions to a base surface made from polymers... with said surface being part of a structure... comprising" having the resolvable (co)-polymer and an adhesive for silicone. The invention as claimed is not shown nor suggested by the art cited either alone or in combination.

The invention as claimed provides for a kit that contains a combination of elements which are used for a specific purpose with a base surface of a particular material which is part of a particular structure. As discussed in the prior amendment, with regard to the art, none of the references provide for this.

The Examiner in response to applicants' prior arguments, states that the claims are not directed to bonding silicone to a base body. However, the claims do provide for this and, as part of this, is the use of a (co)-polymer and adhesive.

Apparently, the Examiner, in viewing claim 1 presented in the last action, did not give weight to the recitation of the language of "a kit for bonding silicone compositions to a base body...", since it was in the preamble. However, where the preamble gives life and meaning to the claim, it is a positive limitation. Corning Glass Works v. Sumitomo Electric USA Inc., 9 USPQ2d 1962 (CAFC 1989) As in that case, the present invention is not directed towards a generality. Rather, it is for a kit for a specific purpose and result. To read the claim in light of the specification indiscriminately to cover elements on a dentist's shelf or individual elements in references would be "a divorce from reality".

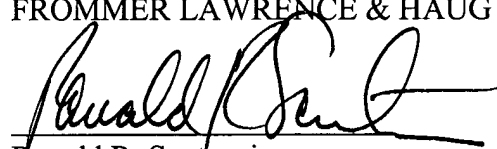
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are directed toward a kit for bonding silicones to a base body and none of references teach the same.

In view of this, a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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APPENDIX (claims with markings):

1. (Twice Amended) A kit for bonding silicone compositions to a base [body] surface made from polymers, polymers of methacrylates or fillers with said surface being part of a structure which includes an impression tray, dental crown, bridge, temporary crown or temporary bridge comprising:

- a) at least one partially resolvable (co-)polymer; and
- b) at least one adhesive for [silicones] silicone.